

BY: Senator MARTINS

HONORING Ex-Captain Alan Paxton upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Protection Fire Engine Company No. 1

WHEREAS, Citizens across our State and Nation are inspired by and indebted to our noble volunteer firefighters who exhibit courage and bravery every day in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, Volunteer firefighters exemplify the power of human compassion and the strength of the American spirit through actions of the most heroic magnitude; their sacrifices and selfless dedication merit tribute and recognition by all citizens of this great country; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ex-Captain Alan Paxton, upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Protection Fire Engine Company No. 1, to be recognized at its Annual Installation and Inspection Dinner on Saturday, April 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Port Washington, New York, Alan Paxton graduated from Paul D. Schreiber High School; and

WHEREAS, On March 6, 1975, Alan Paxton joined the Protection Fire Engine Company No. 1 in Port Washington; from 1987-1988, he served as Captain; additionally, he has served on numerous fire engine committees, including the Steward Committee; and

WHEREAS, Alan Paxton is a retiree from the Port Washington Police Department, further exemplifying his dedication to the residents of his community; and

WHEREAS, Alan Paxton has consistently demonstrated a level of commitment, dedication, integrity, and professionalism which truly exemplifies excellence in the volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters unwaveringly serve our great State with pride, valor, and integrity; these respected volunteers are often the first to respond to an emergency, whether the emergency is a fire, transportation accident, natural disaster, act of terrorism, medical crisis, or spill of hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, It takes a special dedication, a strong desire to help others, and a tireless sense of community to forsake precious time with family and friends to respond to the signal that a neighbor is in need; Alan Paxton is such a firefighter; throughout his years of devoted service, this volunteer heroically performed, above and beyond the call of duty, those responsibilities which define the task of fire protection; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ex-Captain Alan Paxton upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 50 years of dedicated service to the Protection Fire Engine Company No. 1; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ex-Captain Alan Paxton.